

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Annette Ellis MP Deputy Chair: Hon Judi Moylan MP

Better Support for Carers

Committee to hold hearing with national organisations

The House of Representatives Family and Community Committee will hear evidence from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and Winnunga Nimmityjah – Aboriginal Health Service ACT, at a public hearing in Parliament House on Wednesday 3 December, between 10.15 am and 11.15 am.

"There is a shortage of reliable data and information on Indigenous carers and their needs," Committee Chair Annette Ellis (Member for Canberra, ACT) said. "The committee looks forward to hearing from two key Indigenous organisations based in Canberra".

NACCHO is the national peak Aboriginal health body representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services throughout Australia.

Winnunga Nimmityjah is a primary health care service initiated and managed by the local Aboriginal community to provide a culturally safe holistic health service to the Aboriginal people of the ACT and surrounding areas.

Time	Witness
10:15am	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
10:45am	Winnunga Nimmityjah – Aboriginal Health Service ACT
11:15am	Close

Wednesday, 3 December 2008 – 10.15 am to 11.15 am Parliament House, Committee Room 2R2

All are welcome to observe proceedings. The hearing will be webcast live on: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Annette Ellis, on (02) 6293 1344 (electorate office).

For all other inquiries please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4566 or by email <u>fchy.reps@aph.gov.au</u> or visit the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/fchy</u>